

## **Proposed Issues for ACAB Discussion**

### **I. USDA Priorities for Advice**

1. Statistics Collection and Economic Analysis
  - What are the appropriate questions to ask/data to collect?

*Relevant Issues:*

  - Structure of production agriculture
  - Family farm issues
  - Trade-relevant information
2. Technology Protection Systems
  - Delta Pine licensing agreement – case study to help structure longer-term discussion regarding the role of intellectual property protection

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  - Role of intellectual property protection
  - Relationships between public and private research efforts
3. National Academy of Sciences – Standing Committee on Biotechnology, Food and Fiber Production, and Environment
  - What are the key questions the ACAB wants to forward to the NAS Committee, and what is the process for interaction between the two Committees?

*Relevant Issues:*

  - Scientific foundation of regulatory process
4. FY 2001 Biotechnology Budget Crosscut
  - Recommendations for 2002 Budget

*Relevant Issues:*

  - Multiple

### **II. Other Longer-Term Issues for the ACAB**

1. Labeling/Information to Consumers
  - GIPSA
  - Other dimensions of labeling?
2. Legal Interactions Between GMO and non-GMO Goods
  - Pollen drift
  - Non-GMO sale with GMO plasm
3. Trade and International Implications (ERS data is short-term)
4. Consumer Confidence
  - What is it and how should USDA contribute towards developing and maintaining public confidence?